

New Indiana Drug Law

By Don Marlatt

Notice to all drug addicts and pushers — beware! As of October 1, a new drug law is in effect in Indiana, of the hardest in the U.S.

This law divides all drugs which are abused into 5 schedules. Number 10 on the first

schedule stands as the one of the effect us most as it concerns marijuana.

Possession of more than 25 grams, is no longer considered a misdemeanor but a felony, and a conviction will give a sentence of from 5-20 years in the state prison

and a fine of not more than \$2,000.

If you are caught and convicted a second time, the penalties are even more severe, 20 years to life and a \$5,000 fine or both.

Under this law if you are transporting drugs and are

caught, the vehicle that you are using to transport it becomes the property of the police or whoever arrests you.

Also the penalty for transporting drugs is 1-10 years in the state prison. If you are riding in a vehicle with the knowledge that drugs are being carried, you could get 1-5 years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

For a juvenile caught with 25 grams or more, he will be placed on probation. A second conviction will bring you twice the initial fine and imprisonment.

Anyone caught with smoking or injecting apparatus will be charged with a felony and face a possible 1-10 year prison sentence and a \$1,000 fine.

For anyone caught with less than 25 grams, their marijuana will be confiscated or at the most they will be placed on probation.

Drug abuse cases can no longer be handled by a city court but will be assigned to a circuit court.

Legislators feel that this new law is more directed toward the pusher rather than the user because penalties for offenses are so high that offenders are likely to turn over any information that they have in exchange for immunity. All police officers have the right to grant immunity in exchange for, in their opinion, reliable information.

This law is among the strongest to come out yet so to all you pushers and users we repeat our earlier warning—BEWARE!

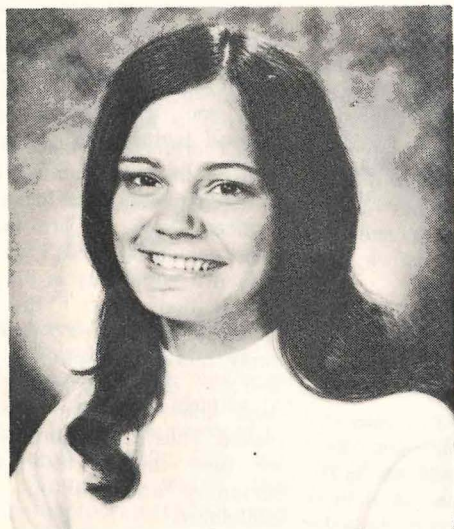
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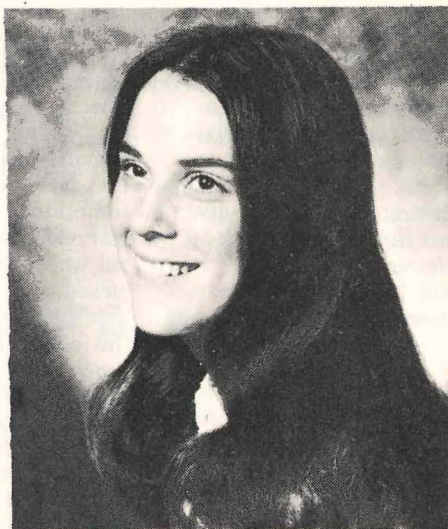
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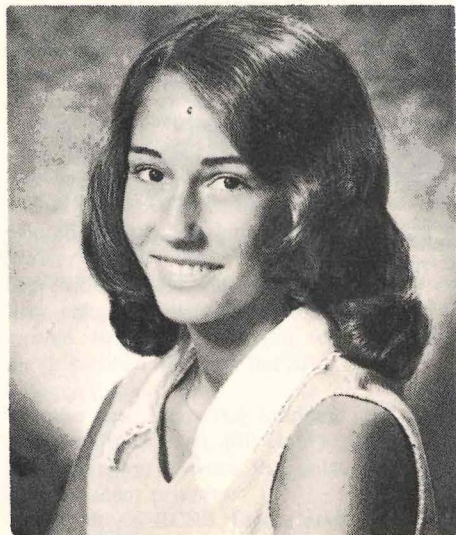
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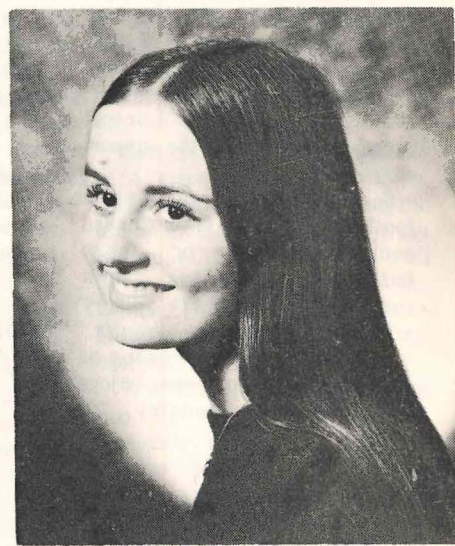
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School Spirit

Many times the past several years our student body has been criticized over an apparent lack of school spirit and nonsupport of our athletic teams. This criticism has come from parents, faculty, coaches and from students themselves.

While in other years this criticism may have been justified, so far this year the attitude of the student body seems just the opposite.

For each of the first two away games in football, fan interest was great enough that the fan buses did not have to be cancelled as they were last year.

In fact, for the Twin Lakes game, almost more fans showed up for Rensselaer than did for Monticello. Meanwhile, the attendance for home games remains excellent.

We here at the Rensselaerien would like to take this time to praise the fans for their support of our football team so far this year. May this attitude continue to grow throughout the rest of this year and for many years to come. D M

Adjusting to New System

It was announced at the start of the year that we would be going to school without the benefit of bells.

At first this situation caused no small amount of confusion. Teachers were letting classes out too late or too early. Students were being called to the office because of schedule mixups.

Now however, it seems as though both students and faculty seemed to have adjusted. Classes start and end on time. Also, the number of tardies are getting fewer.

Both students and faculty should be praised in their adjustment to such a radically different system. M

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

In response to the "No Fans, No Team" editorial: You've got to be kidding! The whole tone of your editorial implies that high school athletics are a sort of show put on for the spectators.

I suppose it's nice to have fans, but they certainly aren't necessary, or vital to the support of the team.

So what if people watch more football games than cross country meets, or more basketball games than swimming meets? They undoubtedly find the "major" sports much more interesting as spectators. If someone enjoys watching cross country, I'd

encourage him to come out to Curtis Creek and watch a meet; but I certainly don't want him to feel any obligation to "support" me as a member of the cross country team.

Sports in high school are primarily for the athletes, not the fans. If fans enjoy watching them, fine. They can watch the athletes perform. If not, an athlete can still train, compete, and win or lose without the "support" of the fans.

So come out and watch if you wish; but don't feel like you've got to support our efforts. They're not for you, they're for us.

Letter To The Editor

To the editor:

I am in strong disagreement with the "staff of the Rensselaerien" in regard to their opinion of the modular system.

The modular system leaves most students with more "free" time. The way to make this modular system work for you is to use this free time. If you want so spend it all in the commons, that's your decision; but don't complain that you aren't learning anything, or that the modular system is "no good."

As to spending "half the day walking from one class to another," I suggest that you walk faster. I have no more distance to

travel between classes this year than I did last year, so it takes me about the same amount of time.

The root of most problems that I've seen other students have with the modular system is the "ants in the pants" syndrome. They feel that they must move to another room at every opportunity they get during the day.

If you plan out your day in the morning (do it in homeroom! It only takes a few minutes) and spend more time in one place, I think you'll find that you have much more time to devote to your studies, and won't need to walk half as far.

Qualifications for Queens

A dance in honor of homecoming queen; what for? Is it because she's the best dancer of the senior class? This is definitely not true, so what is it? I'm sure the queen will have something about her that's marvelous, but can any one of us tell what it will be before she's picked.

Is she a raving beauty, or even the cutest in the class. Most times, this isn't hardly true. Thus, there's more to it than that; or maybe there's less to it than that! Is she the most talented, or does she need little talent at all. Is she one of those girls who seem to get along better with guys than girls? Is she intelligent? Is she a class leader? Is she well known in the community? Can we answer these questions?

When we voted did we consider each person's qualifications for "the honor"? Of course we didn't! How could we? No one told us what these qualifications

were to be. I guess each of us made up our own qualifications to fit the girl we particularly admired or enjoyed associating with. Therefore, the more people there are liking the same girl, the better chance she's got to become a queen. Now, we are talking about popularity, aren't we?

Even if popularity is the only qualification, doesn't the title "homecoming queen" seem to imply more than that? It very well may, especially to those who don't know how the queen is picked. Thus it is important that we take this a little more seriously and set up some guidelines.

Also, we should think about running the elections in a different manner. In tallying the votes a faculty member should be present, or possibly one could be convinced to count them.

It's already too late for the '73-'74 seniors, but those coming up will have a long time to get things organized.

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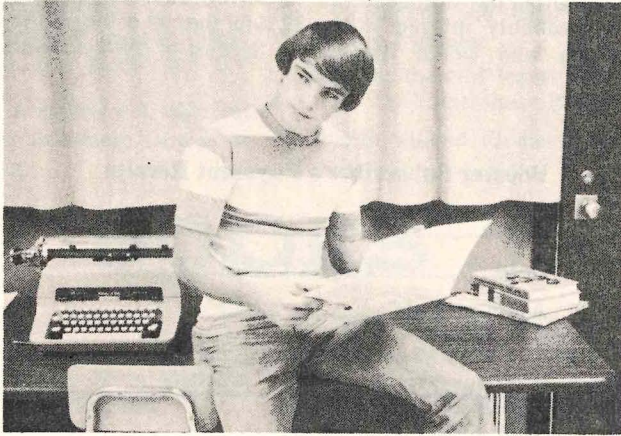
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Greg DeWees

By Cindy Fear

For this edition we picked Greg DeWees for our Senior Spotlight.

Greg has contributed to RCHS in many ways. He's now playing defensive back on the football team, and last year he made 2nd team for All Conference baseball. In band he plays baritone. He's also active in Mystical Knights

and Monogram Club.

After being in the all-school play last year, he said he "wished we had more and better plays."

When asked about the football team he replied, "Although we're smaller than last year, we still fight as hard." He also feels that school spirit is improving.

Greg's planning on continuing his education but he's not sure where yet.

Fads

The latest fad to take place in R.C.H.S. is pitching pennies.

The leader of this movement would be hard to identify but ranking high in the ranks of the pros are D.M., G.T., G.A., and B.C. You can watch this fascinating sport just about every day by watching the north wall of the commons during and free period.

History in Making

On September 14, 1973, more RCHS journalism history was made. Students got the first issue Rensselaerien printed solely by students.

Most people would say "so what," but there is real history in that event.

This year the Rensselaerien is printed by two students, Dave Walter and Steve Miller. September 14 was the first issue they printed. Getting the paper out on time is a big job for inexperienced printers, but after 6 hours it was done.

In the last 5 years Bob Staddon and Jim McElfrisch, Bill Henry, and John Ayres were the only other student printers.

If you are a RCHS student and would like to learn how to operate an offset printing press or a dark room see Steve Miller, Dave Walter, or Mr. Herber.

Toilet Shortage

By Don Marlatt

Toilet rationing? It's true that there's a shortage on almost everything these days, but a shortage on toilets? Never.

However, many experts claim that there is a serious shortage of toilets in the U.S., England and Japan.

"It's serious," stressed Robert K. Widdicombe, executive vice president of the Home Builders of Greater Chicago. "New construction could be delayed and finished projects unuseable."

Shortages are blamed on the tremendous amounts of new homes going up and on a still unsettled strike, which on June 1st closed down the seven vitreous china plants of this nation's largest producer, American Standard.

Charles Eaton, public relations director for American Standard in New Brunswick, New Jersey, said it will take six to eight weeks to get the plants back in full production once the strike ends. Eaton also said, "It will probably take anywhere up to five years to straighten out the shortage."

The manager of B & M Plumbing and Heating Supplies, a Chicago retailer, said his stock is dwindling dangerously. Not

only that, but the ones available are getting more expensive, with his cheapest model now selling for \$29.50.

Oscar L. Gerber, president of the Gerber Plumbing Fixtures Corp. of Lincolnwood, Illinois says that the suppliers of America's toilets plan to expand their facilities, but new plants take two years to build.

"Until then," Gerber predicted, "it will just be touch and go."

RECORDS

By Don Marlatt

This column is designed to help you, the student, selecting records. I will try to give an honest opinion to records which will appeal to a majority of students.

You'll like New York Dolls by the New York Dolls. They are cast somewhat in the Alice Cooper mold, but they would have to be classed as more than just another visually wierd group.

Basically the Dolls' sound is the traditional two-guitar, bass and drums with occasional harmonies behind lead vocals and their music is mostly straightforward power rock.

David Jo Hansen, the Doll's lead singer, wrote most of the lyrics for the album. Songs on the album include "Personality Crisis, a driving rocker," "Looking for a Kiss," probably the best Dolls song, "Vietnamese Baby," a love song, "Trash" and "Bad Girl." The New York Dolls are a group to watch for.

Mott by Mott the Hoople is a fantastic album. Mott the Hoople is one of the most productive bands of the last three years. They have made four excellent albums in six attempts and this one may be the best.

Mott contains the ingredients of a great album: expression, theme and quality. Songs on the album include "All the Way from Memphis," a rock and roll chronicle, "Hymn for the Dudes," "The Ballard of Mott the Hoople," and "I Wish I Was Your Mother."

T. W. D. is the fourth album put out by Ten Wheel Drive. Basically T. W. D. is a rather ordinary album.

T. W. D. is mainly a soft rock album so if your tastes are for groups like Black Sabbath this album is not for you but for a soft rock freak this is a justifiable purchase.

FFA News

Mr. Callahan and the Rensselaer Future Farmers won the county soil judging contest. Their competitor was Kankakee Valley. We had the top two teams which will go on to participate in the District I Soil Judging Contest. It is to be held in Montgomery County near Crawfordsville.

Larry Graf and Randy Kiger tied for first place in the school with a score of 260 (out of a possible 310); Glenn Miller was close behind with 259 and Scott Nagel scored 256 to be come alternate of that team. Gary Harmon, Bob Kosta, Daryl Nagel and Gary Streitmatter make up the second place team, with Gary Streitmatter being the alternate.

Other participants from Rensselaer included: Gary Wiffang, Chip Culp, Lynn Gutwein, Larry Miller, and Tom Meyer.

It was said however, that Kankakee Valley did have a couple of team members whose scores were better than Randy Kigers and Larry Graf. But, their team score could not beat the Rensselaer's team score of 779 or the score of our second place team.

Mr. Callahan said he was rather pleased with the team. While talking with them, Mr. Callahan and the Rensselaer Future Farmers all said that they were looking forward to the District and have high hopes of winning that too.

Farm Progress Show

By Chip Culp

The Hoffman Farm, at Lebanon, Ind. was the setting for the 1973 Farm Progress Show. Even with the preceding night's rain, and the shortages of machinery, the 1973 Farm Progress Show was one of the greatest.

The main exhibit field was fifty acres in size. It held a cross section of the most advanced and

modernized agricultural equipment and practices known to mankind today. In it were over fifty million dollars worth of machinery. For the people's learning benefit there were over sixty thousand dollars worth of livestock.

A few of the hundreds of exhibitors were: Ford Tractor, Case, International Harvester, John Deere, and Purdue University.

Popular Culture

By Joe Kenny

The world's most difficult tongue twister (according to the Guinness Book) is the Xhosa dialect rendering of "The skunk fell down and ruptured its larynx."

There are some very expensive magazines floating around — you may never have heard of the following ones, but if you're interested in subscribing, I've listed the cost of a 12-issue subscription.

Unlisted Drugs (\$50), Proceedings in Print (\$150), Womanpower (\$37), The Pacific Journal of Mathematics (\$48), and (get this) Music Index (\$345). Unreal! That's nearly 30 bucks an issue!

Books: I Can Sell You Anything by Carl P. Wrighter. By an adman, about advertising. Very straight, but hilarious.

Diet for a Small Planet by Frances Moore Lappe. On the world food crisis. Thought-provoking.

TV: I shan't comment on the new season. (It's so contrived, it frustrates me to even think about it).

America, Alistair Cooke's history, is being rebroadcast in hour-long segments (13 of 'em) Sundays at 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. on channel 9.

They are very entertaining (and might even help you with your history).

One of my pet peeves is folks who don't know how to raise their hands.

A teacher'll say "Everyone with less than 4 sources raise his hand." John Q. Student (who has but 2 sources) looks all around quizzically to see what his classmates do, then bends his right elbow slightly and points his index finger up.

Folks, take a stand! When you raise that hand, get the whole arm up! Be recognized! You'll never get anywhere if you always go halfway.

Mr. Hayworth (speaking to



physics class, pointing to chalk circle on the board): "Here we have a representation of a perfect circle."

Joe Reichert (member of physics class, mumbling to himself): "O' course it's a perfect circle! Who in the +++++ ever heard of an imperfect circle?"

Movies (coming to the Palace): Tom Sawyer — sponsored by the Reader's Digest. Rated G. Fun for the whole family. Theatre of Blood. With Vincent Price. His drawing power is starting to wane because of potboilers like this one.

Mary Poppins. Your old favorite returns to the silver screen. White Lightning with Burt Reynolds. Not much else to be said about this one. You're probably better off with the movies on TV.

A snappy comeback to a stupid commercial (stolen from Mad magazine). (Scene: Grandfatherly type is repairing a bicycle in his shop. Announcer leaps onto scene, smiling broadly. Jams microphone under nose of grandfatherly type.)

"Sir, what do you think of the taste of Listerine antiseptic?"

(Grandfatherly type): "Taste? I use it to de-grease my bicycles!"

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Back Talk

I would like to respond to the "Sports In Depth" in the last issue. I wish the article would not only talk about the White Sox and their injuries, but the other twenty-three teams as well. But since it only went through the White Sox injuries, I'll go through some of the other twenty-three teams and tell you of players that have been injured:

New York Mets — Bud Harrelson, Rusty Staub, George Theodore, Cleon Jones, Gerry

Grote, Duffy Dyer, John Milner. Chicago Cubs — Ken Rudolph, Jose Cardenal, Glen Beckert, Paul Popovich.

Oakland A's — Bert Campaneris, Reggie Jackson. Minnesota Twins — Harmon Killebrew.

Kansas City Royals — Wayne Simpson.

California Angels — Bobby Valentine.

Texas Rangers — Rico Carty. Detroit Tigers — Al Kaline.

Boston Red Sox — Doug Griffin.

Baltimore Orioles — Elrod Hendricks.

CHOIR

By Steve Scriptor

On October 25, at 8:00 p.m. the Choraleers will perform as well as the High School Singers. There are 38 in the choraleers, and 33 in the High School Singers.

The choraleers will sing such tunes, as Scarborough Fair, Oh Happy Day, Day by Day, All Kinds of People, as well as many others.

Future Concerts

Dec. 1, Christmas Concert
Jan. 26, Solo & Ensemble Contest in Gary, Ind.
Feb. 16, State Solo & Ensemble in Indianapolis.
Mar. 15, North West Area Choral Festival
Apr. 9 & 10, Choraleers going on tour

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If you really want to get technical about the White Sox injuries by saying, "the team has had injury problems throughout the season". May I mention that the Cincinnati Ballclub has had minor injuries to such ballplayers as: Tony Perez, Johnny Bench, Bobby Tolan, Pete Rose and Joe Morgan. After you have read about all the players that have had injuries, look at their respective divisions and see where each team finished.

Also, I wish everybody would quit thinking that all of Rensselaer is composed of is just Cubs and White Sox fans, because there's probably more fans for the other twenty-two teams than

there are Cubs and White Sox fans.

It's funny how the number of Cub and Sox fans fade as the season comes to an end.

Cub fans, don't start saying it was the injuries that started the Cubs downfall, because they were already on their downfall when they started to have their injuries.

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POPPEN PREDICTION

By Mark Poppen

Last year I made some baseball predictions, but since I forgot who I picked, I'll make some more guesses.

The Cincinnati Reds will beat the Mets in four games, and the

Oakland Athletics will edge out the young Baltimore Orioles in five games.

Between the Cincinnati Reds and the Oakland Athletics, it will almost be a repeat of 1972, except that Cincinnati will edge out Oakland in 7 games.

Next year the best teams will be: In the National East, Pittsburgh without Clemente is

no longer the powerhouse it used to be. Possible winners are

Pittsburgh, the Mets, and this Cardinals. In the National League West, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, and San Francisco all

have young, strong teams. In the American League East, it was close until late in the season, but Baltimore, with more experience, should pull away easily.

In the American League West, the Oakland Athletics should win

with slim chances from Kansas City or an injury free White Sox team.

Rookie of the year in the National league should be Gary

Mathews of the Giants. In the American League, Al Bumbry is my choice.

Most valuable players probably will be either Willie

Stargell or Bobby Bonds in the National League, and Reggie

Jackson in the American League.

The Cy Young award will go to

either Tom Seaver or Ron Bryant in the National League. In the

American League take your pick of Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Jim Palmer, or Nolan Ryan.

BOOKS

By Don Marlatt

Reading would seem to be back in style again. More students seem to be reading now.

LITERARY CORNER

By Annette Servia

I can still remember the day When he used to say Slow down or stop running He was just so sharp and cunning.

I'll never forget the time When I dropped by book while in line I said it was mine As I went to pick it up But he said, "Yes, but you've got To get used to a gentleman."

He could always understand Any problems anyone had He always had dreams Of what he could do To help make our Middle School A better school.

And then it came. That horrible day On which no school we had October 23, 1972, Veterans Day; 8:40 p.m.

That horrible sound Of sirens all around That sickening noise of crash All of his dreams were melted away As snowflakes touching warm ground.

To some it was a blow To some it seemed untrue To me it was a shock This dear, sweet man so loved by all Was taken away in the midst of life.

And of this man, this dear, kind man Who loved everyone and everyone loved him What's left of this man, This considerate man Is an empty desk and an empty chair And memories of him we all share.

J. R. R. Tolkiens' book *The Hobbit* seems to be very popular. Equally as popular is his ring trilogy books *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers* and *The Return of the King*.

All of Tolkiens' books deal with his imaginary world of middle-earth and imaginary creatures, hobbits. Also, he writes about drarves, elves, wizards, goblins, and the Dark Lord.

While these stories may sound as though they're below your level, believe me, these books are not children's stories.

Also, I've seen several people who are reading *Chariots of the Gods?* and *Gods from Outer Space?* by Eric Von Daniken.

In these books Von Daniken points out several archeological mysteries, which have scientists baffled, and explains his theory in which he claims that he believes that super-beings from outer space built monuments on our earth and became the gods of ancient earth persons.

A special note to those of you who liked Von Daniken's first books: His new book *Gold of the Gods* has just been released so be on the lookout for it.

It deals with a fantastic system of caves and tunnels which run under most of South America and contains an incredible hoard of gold statuettes. This sounds like another good one.

Fad Or Fashion ?

By Don Marlatt

What is a fad? The dictionary defines it as a temporary fashion or manner of conduct; especially one followed enthusiastically by a group. Some fads in recent years include long hair, the wearing of faded blue-jeans, clogs, boys' high-heeled shoes, etc.

This year a new fad crept into our school. It hasn't caused much notice, however, it is becoming popular.

This fad involves wearing apparel and you see increasingly more students with these.

In case you haven't already guessed this new fad, it's crutches, casts and slings.

One of the main leaders in this fad was Randy Snyder with his exotic leg cast brilliantly contrasted with a pair of brownish-yellow crutches. We must point out, however, Mr. Snyder has since forsaken his leadership in the new movement and bone back to a more conservative type of dress.

Other leaders include Marv Woodke, Lope Salizar, and Jeff Salyer to name just a few.

Now we come to one of the newest members of the movement, Ryan Demoss. Mr. Demoss may be the most daring of all with his complete leg cast and wheelchair.

How long will this new fad last? No one really seems to know. But this new movement seems strong enough to last for sometime.

Tennis

Anyone ?

Six regulation tennis courts are to be built immediately north of the student parking lot.

The courts are are being built in hopes that they will be used by students in PE classes and athletic people from the Rensselaer area.

The courts, which were shown in the original plans of the high school, are a part of the athletic field being built.

Hopefully the courts can be done by next spring.

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NIXON SLIPPING

By Don Marlatt

In a recent survey conducted by Oliver Quayle and Co. for NBC News, it was shown that 68 per cent of those polled rated the President unfavorably for his last ten months in office.

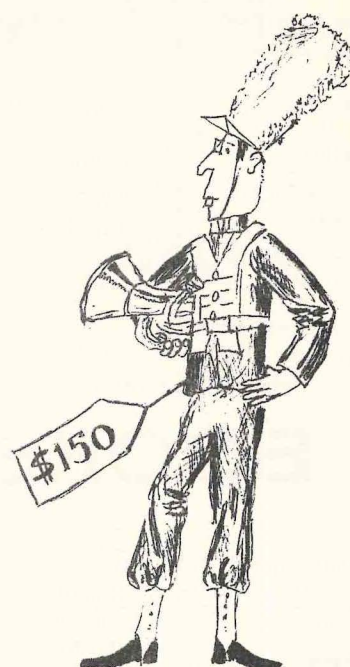
This represents a 23-point rating drop since last October, the sharpest decline ever recorded in a poll of this kind.

Remarkably, the Quayle poll showed that if the 1972 election were held today, George McGovern would beat Richard Nixon 51 per cent to 49 per cent.

Among other things, the survey showed: Only 44 per cent of those polled said they trust the President (a drop of 13 points since October, 1972); 60 per cent said they had lost confidence in Nixon; 44 per cent thought Nixon helped to plan Watergate; 34 per cent thought he knew about the

cover-up; only 17 per cent believed his claim that he learned of White House involvement on March 21st; 63 per cent considered Watergate dirtier than "routine politics"; 71 per cent disapproved of his tapings; 70 per cent thought the Senate had a right to listen to the tapes; 74 per cent believed the President's power had been seriously weakened; 25 per cent thought Nixon should be impeached; and 30 per cent thought Nixon should resign.

As the Senate committee took its recess, Nielson ratings showed that the popularity of the hearings had surpassed the soap operas. On an average day, 6.5 million homes were tuned into the daytime hearings while another million listened to the evening re-broadcasts in New York alone.



the most noticeable feature of the new band uniforms....

Literary Corner

By Steve George

The cold water trickled through my toes, as I walked along the ocean edge, as the rough sand and sharp edge's of rocks cut and bruised the numb feeling on the bottom of my bare feet.

As I walked I thought how I was brought to this unexpected world, and what purpose I had to perform.

For a moment I paused on a lonely hillside, along the shore of this beautiful and wide span of water, thinking of the reason for me to be here.

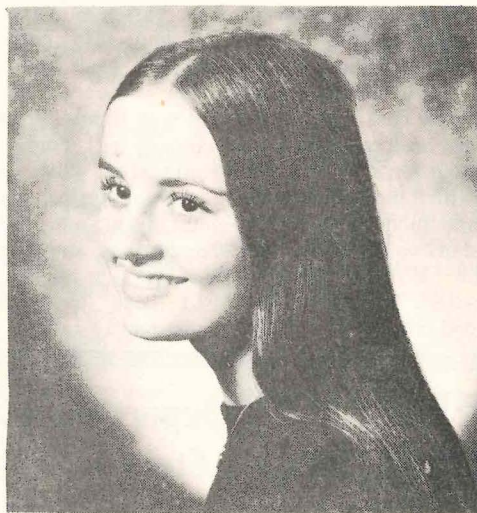
What reason was there for me to enjoy this much pleasure. Was I suppose to find love, get married, have a vast number of children, then get old and become an old, dumb man?

As I looked up in the deep dark sky, I noticed the little spots of lights as if there was a town just lit up, only a few miles away. The big yellow moon was shining on the ocean and reflecting off to make it an island of its own.

As the cool swift wind started to bring in the smells of the ocean, it gives a sudden coldness to the body.

Soon I found myself walking again along the same path to what I thought of and what I remembered from that deep dark sky and the great span of water, that begins your thoughts and exploration of your own mind.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Betsy Rodibaugh

By Cindy Fear

Betsy Rodibaugh has proven school spirit up by attending herself to be an outstanding games as a member of Pep Club leader and that's why she was and Flag Corp. chosen for our female Senior Spotlight.

Being Sunshine Society's president is one of Betsy's most demanding tasks. But she also keeps busy as President of 4-H, Vice President of Home Ec Club, and Secretary of Youth Leaders. She's always working to keep in Home Ec.

Occult

Festival

By Don Marlatt

ESPosition 3, the third midwest of psychic arts, will be presented on October 14, 1973 at the Indiana Convention — Exposition Center, 100 South Capitol Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Distinguished speakers will be giving 48 forty-five minute lectures from 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

You can visit interesting and educational booths manned by gifted and trained people from whom you can learn about astrology, palmistry, numerology, A. R. E. (Edgar Cayce), tarot, yoga, ESP, bio-rhythm, flying saucers, auras, magic, water witching, ju-jitsu, and organic gardening.

Also at the festival will be a psychic life portrait artist, a crystal gazer, gift shop and a book store.

Among the speakers at the lectures will be Dr. Edgar D. Mitchell, one of the Apollo 14 astronauts, who will speak on the subject "Outer Space and ESP" at the evenings feature session.

Tickets for the festival are reasonable with day session tickets costing \$5.00 each and evening session tickets costing \$4.00. Combination day and evening session tickets will be sold for only \$7.00.

FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By Don Marlatt

So far, through the first half of the season, the football Bombers have been a very puzzling team. They look fantastic one game only to come back the next week to disappoint their fans with their sloppiness.

Rensselaer opened with a super game against Twin Lakes but suffered a let-down against Delphi. Against River Forest the Bombers again looked good only to be strangled by the North Judson defense the following week.

Why isn't Rensselaer consistent every week? One answer could be physical superiority. The Bombers are sporting a rather small team, physically, and, in numbers, Delphi and North Judson were

both bigger and more physical teams.

One asset of the team this year has been their tough defense. The Bombers make their opponents gain yards the hard way.

However the biggest liability of the team lies in its offense. Failure of the offense to move the ball has cost Rensselaer those losses which possibly could have been won.

Also, the team relies too much on Braasch. I have nothing against Bill. I think he's a super player, but he can't carry the team by himself.

As this article is being written the South Newton game hasn't been played yet. Now I'm a Rensselaer fan, but I will have to pick South Newton over the Bombers.

Cinder Sizzlers

By Joe Kenny

With but one dual meet remaining, the Rensselaer cross country team posts an 8-2 record. The Bomber harriers captured their first invitational of the season, winning at North Newton on September 29.

The team showed fine balance in the Invitational, with but 36 seconds separating No. 1 man Dave Chesak and No. 5 man Jay Phegley. The victory was the best showing so far this year for the injury-plagued Bombers.

Senior Ed Edmonds has led the team for most of the season thus far, after recovering from an achilles tendon injury early in the season. Senior Joe Reichert has finished in the No. 1 man spot twice already this year, and has lent the team strong support despite knee-tendon troubles.

Reichert has had to run in several meets after missing a week or more of practice; but he's made up in guts for what he missed in practice. Juniors Dave Lane, Dave Chesak, and Earl Davis, and rapidly improving sophomore Jay Phegley have been the "steady" finishers for the team.

Lane and Chesak are always in the top four spots, and Phegley has consistently improved in his No. 5 (sometimes No. 4) spot on the varsity. Junior Earl Davis, who recently knocked nearly 2 minutes off his best time, rounds out the varsity.

The team expects to have Junior Joe Kenny back in action (he was sidelined by a stress fracture early in the season) as they run in the Patriot and Delphi Invitionals, and the Sectional on October 19.

Pro Sports Predications

Since the basketball season is only a matter of weeks away, here are my basketball predictions for both the N.B.A. and the A.B.A.

Milwaukee Bucks
Chicago Bulls
Kansas City-Omaha Kings
Detroit Pistons

Atlanta Hawks
Capital Bullets
Cleveland Cavaliers
Houston Rockets

New York Knicks
Boston Celtics
Philadelphia 76'ers
Buffalo Braves

Golden State Warriors
Los Angeles Lakers
Seattle Supersonics
Phoenix Suns
Portland Trailblazers

Indiana Pacers
Utah Stars
Denver Rockets
San Diego Conquistadors
San Antonio Spurs

Carolina Cougars
Kentucky Colonels
New York Nets
Virginia Squires
Memphis Tams

Boston Celtics will be N.B.A. Champs.
Utah Stars will be A.B.A. Champs.

Here are my National Hockey League predictions for the season which is coming up shortly:

Chicago Black Hawks
Minnesota North Star
Philadelphia Flyers
Atlanta Flames
St. Louis Blues
Pittsburgh Penguins
California Golden Seals

Boston Bruins
New York Rangers
Montreal Canadiens
Buffalo Sabres
Detroit Red Wings
Toronto Maple Leafs
Vancouver Canucks
New York Islanders

I will say that the Boston Bruins will win the Stanley Cup!

Swim Team Preview

By Greg Grow

This year's swim team competes without the advantage of four of last year's seniors.

These of course were: Mark Wilcox, Russ Edwards, Greg Mays, and Rudy Savich.

The team has two men returning from the state meet from last year, Jim Schrum who swam the breast stroke, and Ed Davisson, who swam in the Medly Relay.

With the loss of Wilcox, the Diving and backstroke will not be quite as strong, but two new freshmen, Scott Anderson, and Ron Harris promise to fill that spot nicely. Also returning from last year's team will be Chuck Anders, Pat Childs, Doug

Markle, Kurt Spurgeon, Jim Paulson, Bill Zimmer, and Dave Waymire.

The team will start practice Oct. 15, so any one thinking about going out, contact Mr. Mullens before that date. Freshman and Sophmores are encouraged to go out as well as any upper classmen.

Mr. Mullens stated that although the team will be not quite as strong as last year's team, we will be fighting for a winning season.

Frosh Gridiron Schedule

For the Freshman, here's a rundown on the teams:

1973 Schedule:
September 27 Twin Lakes — Here
October 3 Kankakee Valley — There
October 16 North Newton — There
October 23 South Newton — Here
The team needs your support. Coach for this year is Mr. Ockermann.

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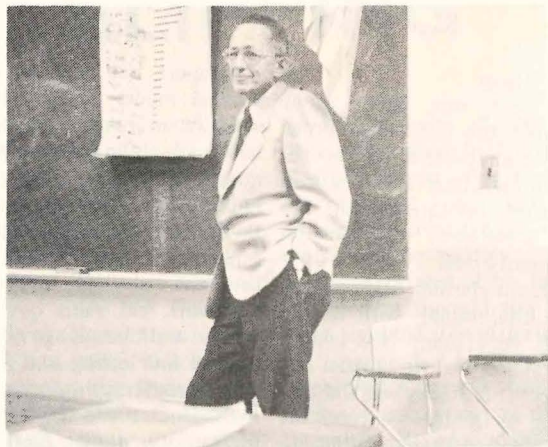
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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Smart

Mr. Robert Smart is chairman of Business Education at Rensselaer Central High School. He graduated from Indiana University School of Business and later received a Master's Degree from Butler University. He has since done additional graduate work at Purdue.

Mr. Smart served as an infantry officer for four years in World War II, and two years during the Korean conflict.

At various times in his career he has been in business for himself, been a salesman, and at

one time, manager of a corporation in Indianapolis. He feels the actual experience is valuable.

When questioned on the Modular System of scheduling, he said, "I think we'll all like it as we get used to it. It makes possible more course offerings and greater flexibility."

Mr. Smart has five children of which two have completed army service and college. One is currently serving in the marines. The other two are at home and still in school.

RECORDS

Wishbone Ash is loud, talented and unique. But their problem is American's don't know who they are. Wishbone Ash is; Andy Powell, guitar; Ted Turner, guitar and slide guitar; Martin Turner, bass and lead vocal; and Steve Upton, drums.

Wishbone Ash was formed in September 1969. At their first public performance on November 10, 1969, they earned the grand total of \$15.00. The next year was spent going up and down England, building their following and developing their unique dual guitar sound for which they have become famous. This sound was a key factor in the group's success. It was based on the remarkable capabilities of two lead guitarists. Never before had two rock guitarists been able to work together, building on each other's riffs, with harmony and quality. Ted Turner and Andy Powell have been quoted by Rolling Stone as "the best duo guitarists in the world."

At the recent Melody Maker Poll Awards Concert, Wishbone Ash was announced as "The greatest boggie band in the land." This points to the fact that in 1972 Wishbone Ash became the symbol of quality British rock. 1971 saw the group rise as a

major club and concert attraction and produce two hit albums, "Wishbone Ash" and "Pilgrimage." The year ended with Wishbone being voted Best New Group in the Sounds readers poll and Brightest Hope in Melody Maker's readers poll. In 1972 sell-out concerts became natural and they won Melody Maker's British LP of the Year Award for "Argus"; this album shot to number 3 on the first day of release. Their latest release "Wishbone 4" has the sound and tempo slowed down a bit to show their versatility and uniqueness. No doubt it is a very good album. Their 5th is due out in the next month, a double record set, recorded live in London.

Recently the group finished their most successful US tour. Working 27 nights out of 32 they covered the US receiving wide acclaim and a barrage on encores. It seems that US audiences, like British, are beginning to appreciate Wishbone as one of the great rock bands.

Maybe it's time people turn away from their "tiny-bopper" ideas such as Alice Cooper or Black Sabbath and really get into something worth their time. Someday Wishbone only will be popular.

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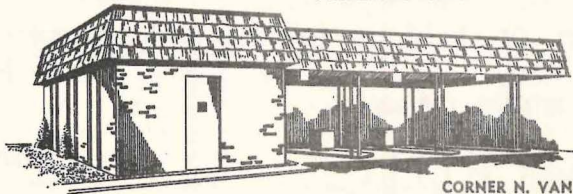
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By Cindy Fear

Seventy girls were initiated into Sunshine Society Thursday, September 20.

The initiation was the traditional candle lighting ceremony. This year for the first time in three years SSS had "big sisters." The object of the big sisters was to help the new girls coming into the society.

After the ceremony, the new girls and their mothers enjoyed refreshments.

Correction

Regarding the last issue, we wish to make a correction regarding Bruce Lee. A detail autopsy revealed that death was attributed to a swollen blood vessel in the brain.

Lee had the blood vessel condition since birth; the medicine he was taking mixed with the marijuana he was smoking and compounded the cause of his death.